

DM-510

DEPUTIES' MEETING

Wednesday, 12 September 1956

PRESENT: General Cabell, Messrs. Wisner, Amory, Lloyd, [REDACTED] Kirkpatrick, [REDACTED]

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General Cabell:

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a. Described very sensitive steps which have just been taken to attempt to keep the U. S. Government more closely informed [REDACTED]

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b. Stated that he would like to send to the DCI on Monday, September 17, a composite cable giving a round-up of non-substantive matters from the DD/P, DD/I, DD/S and IG components. He asked that all contributions to this cable be given to Mr. [REDACTED] who would combine them into one cable for the DCI.

ACTION: DD/P, DD/I, DD/S, IG, Mr. [REDACTED]

c. Noted that General Canine had invited Mr. Sheldon to have a talk with him concerning efforts that might be made to increase coordination and cooperation between the CIA and NSA. He stated that he wished us all to support such efforts wholeheartedly.

Mr. Wisner:

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b. Expressed his concern over the fact that Mr. [REDACTED] attempts to maintain contact with a great many people in CIA in efforts to obtain information to which he is not entitled. He suggested that all contacts with Mr. [REDACTED] be channeled through one point in the organization and recommended that this channeling be through DD/S, specifically the General Counsel's office which has legitimate reasons for dealing with Mr. [REDACTED]. Mr. Wisner noted that he was taking steps to instruct all DD/P personnel concerned that any contacts they might have with Mr. [REDACTED] should be promptly reported to the General Counsel. General Cabell agreed and also expressed his desire that dealings with Mr. [REDACTED] be kept to the absolute minimum for legitimate business purposes. [REDACTED]

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Mr. Amory:

a. Noted that at the previous day's IAC meeting, the question had come up and been discussed as to whether or not the Watch Committee reports should be further subject to formal IAC meetings and approvals. General Cabell expressed the view that this was not necessary as the IAC does in fact act on and approve each Watch Committee report although such approval may be, and normally is, a telephonic approval from each member. He pointed out that any member who has a question on such reports can request a special meeting of the IAC if he so desires.

b. Noted that some of the IAC members had heard that certain decisions had been taken at top levels of the U. S. Government, which decisions were reported to have increased the chances of military action by the British and French to roughly 3 to 1 in favor of such action. He expressed the belief that if this was true, the IAC should be briefed on the actions taken under the terms of NSC 5438. General Cabell stated that he would raise this question with Under Secretary of State Herbert Hoover.

c. Raised the question of the status of discussions and plans on Arctic overflights which he stated he understood had been referred by the OCB to the NSC. After some discussion Mr. Amory was assigned the primary responsibility to follow up Arctic overflights from the point of view of any CIA interest.  
ACTION: DD/I.

Mr. Kirkpatrick:

a. Noted that the members of the President's Board would be in Washington on September 22nd and that it is possible they may wish to be briefed on the Suez situation although a specific request for such briefing has not yet been received. Mentioned that Admiral Connolley was planning to be in town earlier than the rest of the members of the President's Board for lengthy sessions with the Office of Training and the Office of Personnel.

b. Noted that Mr. David K. E. Bruce who is replacing Mr. Joseph Kennedy as a member of the President's Board now has all of his necessary clearances except for Special Intelligence, and that he will be given this briefing and clearance shortly. Mr. Wisner asked that General Cabell call Mr. Bruce and extend an invitation to him to receive his initial briefing on the CIA. General Cabell requested Mr. Kirkpatrick to give him a reminder on this as soon as Mr. Bruce was in town.

c. Mr. Wisner noted that he understood from a conversation with Mr. Bruce that Mr. Bruce had expressed a preference to be placed on the Operations and Planning groups of the President's Board. He remarked that this would be most desirable from the DD/P point of view since Mr. Bruce is already so thoroughly familiar with these types of activity.

d. Noted that he had learned from General Cassidy that General Doolittle had been in touch with a number of our people on his recent trip around the world and had been most favorably impressed with them. General Doolittle had stated that only one problem concerned him and that was the lack of planning in certain areas in the eventuality of a transition from a cold to a hot war situation.

Mr. Lloyd:

Noted that subsequent to the last Steering Committee meeting, discussions had been held with the architects and space requirements had been furnished them in order that they might now proceed with detailed building plans.

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